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Syria, chemical weapons solution? (Page 1)

Instructions: Read the article 'Syria, chemical weapons solution?'.
Answer questions 1-15.

1. Who is Sergei Lavrov? Who is John Kerry?

2. Where did Mr Lavrov and Mr Kerry hold their meeting?

3. List the countries in which Syrian refugees are now living.

4. Where is the headquarters of the United Nations?

5. Give an outline of the plan that Mr Lavrov and Mr Kerry announced.

6. Who have threatened to launch airstrikes against the Syrian army?

7. Who or what are the 'rebels'?

8. List some of the countries and organisations that support Mr al-Assad and his government.

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9. Why might the Syrian government be happy with the plan?

10. What was the weapons inspectors job when they went to Syria in August?

11. When and why did the fighting start in Syria?

12. Who is Ban Ki-moon? What did he declare after the weapons inspectors gave him their report?

13. Who does Russia and the Syrian government say is to blame for the chemical weapon attacks? What reason do they give?

14. Who does the USA and France blame for the chemical weapon attacks?

15. Many people were happy to hear about Mr Lavrov and Mr Kerry's plan. Yet what do they say it will not do?

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New prime minister in Australia (Page 12)

Instructions: Read the article 'New prime minister in Australia'.
Tick either true or false for the following statements.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Julia Gillard the leader of the Liberal National coalition.		
2. There are 250 seats in the House of Representatives.		
3. Tony Abbott is Australia's new prime minister.		
4. Cecil Rhodes made a fortune from oil.		
5. Australia has a lower and an upper 'house' of parliament.		
6. In Australia elections are held every five years.		
7. Bill Clinton was a Rhodes Scholar.		
8. Mr Abbott leads the Liberals.		
9. Kevin Rudd said he plans to stand down as leader of the National Party.		
10. Voting in Australian parliamentary elections is compulsory.		

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G20 in St Petersburg (Page 15)**Instructions:** Read the article 'G20 in St Petersburg'.

The answers to the questions are given for 1-8. Write the questions.

1. Q. _____

A. 65%.

2. Q. _____

A. Brisbane.

3. Q. _____

A. Syria.

4. Q. _____

A. 19.

5. Q. _____

A. 28.

6. Q. _____

A. St Petersburg.

7. Q. _____

A. The UK, Germany, France, and Italy.

8. Q. _____

A. 80%.

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Catalan Way (Page 13)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Catalan Way'.

Draw a line to connect the correct links. The first is done for you.

Region's president

Latvia

Baltic Way

Human chain

Via Augusta

Artur Mas

Independence

Yellow

Russia

Spain

Madrid

Flag

Catalonia

Secession

Language

Soviet Union

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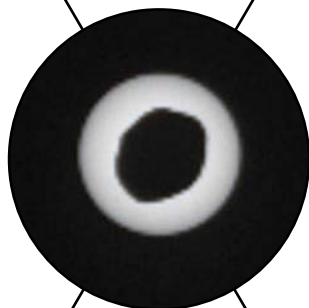
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Mars eclipse (Page 4)

Instructions: Read the article 'Mars eclipse' and fill in the spider diagram below with the details.

TOTAL ECLIPSE

ANNULAR ECLIPSE

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PHOBOS

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'Toyota Way' boss dies (Page 3)

Instructions: Read the article "Toyota Way' boss dies".
Answer questions 1-8.

1. When was Eiji Toyoda born and what did he study at university?

2. Where is Toyota's headquarters and what is it called?

3. Where did Mr Toyoda visit in the USA and how long did he stay?

4. What happened to the Toyota Company after Mr Toyoda became the president?

5. Give a brief description of Mr Toyoda's 'just in time' system.

6. Using the 'just in time' system what was Toyota able to produce?

7. What was Mr Toyoda asked to do when he finished university? Who asked him to do it?

8. What did Toyota do while Mr Toyoda was chairman of the company?

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World Map (Page 13)

Instructions: Solve these anagrams. Each answer is a country that appears on the World Map. Each anagram has one extra letter. Together the extra letters form another anagram. The answer is a mystery country. One is already done for you.

1. PENL LA

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2. ULBGMAEI

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3. RAWYONA

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4. RBLEBASU

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5. AOSHRRUND

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6. EITANIVM

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7. FUENCAR

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8. SUGRAIS

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Mystery country =

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Issue 206 Elimination

Instructions: Read issue 206. Now eliminate from the list 13 pairs of words or phrases that go together. You will have one word or phrase left over. That is the answer. One pair is already done for you.

Nicaragua

Santiago

Kakapo

Limestone

Van Gogh

‘Just in time’

Peter Pan

Rhodes Scholar

Inclusions

Jurassic Park

Amber

Lebanon

Toyota

Arles

Nepal

Harvard University

Chile

New Zealand

Northern Sea Route

Karst

Michael Crichton

Bering Strait

Mosquito Coast

Annapurna

Hezbollah

Bill Clinton

Ig Nobel awards

Odd one out = _____

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Issue 206 multiple choice quiz**Instructions:** Read issue 206 and circle the correct answers for questions 1-10.

1. **What is the name of Norway's parliament?**
 - a. Sejm
 - b. Storting
 - c. Althing
 - d. Diet
 - e. Bundestag
2. **Which of the following is not a G20 member?**
 - a. Italy
 - b. Saudi Arabia
 - c. Argentina
 - d. Mexico
 - e. Nigeria
3. **What are the names of Mars' two moons?**
 - a. Io and Europa
 - b. Phobos and Deimos
 - c. Enceladus and Titan
 - d. Triton and Proteus
 - e. Titania and Oberon
4. **How many mountains in the world are over 8,000 metres high?**
 - a. 2
 - b. 14
 - c. 23
 - d. 45
 - e. 62
5. **Who has been elected as the new prime minister of Australia?**
 - a. Bob Hawke
 - b. John Howard
 - c. Julia Gillard
 - d. Tony Abbott
 - e. Paul Keating
6. **In which country is the Son Doong cave?**
 - a. Malaysia
 - b. Vietnam
 - c. Cambodia
 - d. China
 - e. Laos
7. **Who created Hercule Poirot?**
 - a. Agatha Christie
 - b. Ian Fleming
 - c. Mark Twain
 - d. Charles Dickens
 - e. Hans Christian Anderson
8. **After millions of years into what does copal change?**
 - a. Amber
 - b. Gold
 - c. Oil
 - d. Cobalt
 - e. Salt
9. **Who is Ban ki-moon?**
 - a. President of South Korea
 - b. Chairman of Toyota
 - c. Secretary-general of the United Nations
 - d. Boss of Samsung
 - e. Head of the International Olympic Committee
10. **What is the largest city in Catalonia?**
 - a. Cannes
 - b. Thessalonica
 - c. Milan
 - d. Lima
 - e. Barcelona